VARIOUS AND INTERESTING.

Based on Bureau Veritas returns, the

world's seagoing sail tonuage in the

last quarter of a century has decreased

from 14,185,836 tons to 8,693,796 tons, a

decrease of 40 per cent. The decrease

in the United States has been at the

Through the financial misfortunes of

an old New Yorker a famous art treas-

ure, Gerome's "Consummatumest,"

depicting the equalifixion of Christ on

Mount Calvary, has been discovered.

Art connoisseurs say it is worth from

The New York elevated rallway sta-

tions are to have slot machines for sell-

ing tickets. The apparatus is an elec-

trie nickel-in-the-slot machine, and

there will be four in each of the larger

stations. This new scheme will do

away with the expense of having an

A Chicagoan has been awarded a suit

for five cents which he claimed from

one of the clevated railway companies,

He bought a ticket and passed through

the turnstile, then waited half an hour

for a train. As no train came, he de-

manded the return of his fare, which

was refused. The cost of the suit was

The lack of a label on a bottle of car-

bolle acid enused the death of a woman

in Chicago the other day. The nurse

had left for her several bottles, some

of which were unlabeled, and had given

lady picked up one of these, thinking it

a liniment. The burns were such that

the woman in the condition in which

PERT AND PERSONAL.

John Morley and Joseph Chamberlain,

Miss Elsie Depew Strang, of Peekskill,

N. Y., a niece of Senator Chauncey De-

pew, has received the degree of doctor

of medicine from the Women's Medical

College Infirmary for Women and Chil-

C. Oliver Iselin is credited with de-

claring that he will no longer undertake

to build or manage a yacht to defend the

America's cup, and his retirement will

probably be followed by Nat Herreshoff,

It is reported that ex-President Har-

rison received from the government of

Venezuela for arguing the boundary

case, which has just been determined

in Paris, \$150,000-some say \$250,000.

Undoubtedly it was one of the largest

fees ever paid, because the interests

were enormous, and there were very

few men in the world who could have

M. Santos-Dumont, member of the

Automobile and Aero clubs of Paris,

seems to have solved the problem of

steering balloons. He recently went up

at Vanguard and first directed his

course toward the Eiffel tower, which

he encircled. Then he turned off west,

though a southwest wind was blowing

at the time, and finally came down near

the Moulin, at Bagatelle, in the Bois de

BOGUS ANTIQUES.

trade in antique armor made to-day.

In Birmingham there is a flourishing

China-labeled antique comes from

France, Holland and Germany, and the

The demand for examples of the work

of celebrated old engravers is so great

that several firms are engaged in repro-

ducing them. Many are sold every day

Forgers have attempted to copy an

tique silver plate, but their efforts are

usually amusing. There was once on

sale in Rome a great silver cup, said to

have come from secret excavations in

Sicily. It was ornamented with a cir-

cular bas-relief of the Parthenon frieze

In his innocence the forger had given

the frieze in its present ruined condi-

National museum experts are fre-

quently caught. For instance, the Brit-

ish museum bought a Palissy plate for

£ 50-nearly \$250. An attendant, dust-

ing it, knocked off one of the seals at-

tached to the back of the plate attesting

its genuineness and disclosed the mark

of a modern French potter. Two terra

cotta figures of Isis and Osiris bought

for the same lastitution for \$5,000 have

ARMY AND NAVY NOTES.

the project of a national naval reserve

with four-year terms of service.

burg railway.

Naval experts are indorsing strongly

The navy yard at Charlestown, Mass.,

is to have an immense water basin

where ships can connect with the Fitch-

American harbors complain that vis-

Admiral Crowninshield believes the

government should maintain perma-

nent barracks on shore at the large

naval stations for the crews of vessels

in reserve and for new recruits which

At the Charlestown (Mass.) navy yard

recently 160 workmen in the construc-

tion and repair department were dis-

ment for that department was \$14,000

with regular duties on shipboard.

increasing service requires.

been discovered to be of modern clay.

undertaken the argument.

Boulogne.

all forgeries.

as originals.

tion.

designer of three of the defenders.

although opponents in politics, in ev-

eryday life are the best of friends.

The

oral instructions for their use.

she was could not survive.

should enter professions.

9,680,000 gross tons.

average rate.

\$25,000 to \$30,000.

agent at each station.

four dollars.

dren.

#### AMONG THE POETS.

In the Thick of It. May, whither go these fellows With hair so very long, Their muscles indicating That they are very strong Their suits are thickly padded. With pride their faces glow, Some objects queer they carry-Say, whither do they go?

These chaps with bulging muscles And Paderewski hair, With pads of large dimensions

In clothing that they wear-Why, they're the season's heroes, Who bravely strive for fame, And proudly they are going To play a football game.

Whence come these tattered fellows With hair so hadly torn, While some, all cut and battered, Are by their comrades borne? And here and there is limping A chap with bandaged shin, and some have both eyes blackened-

They've not been in a battle, Although it looks that way; Their wounds were not inflicted By men in deadly fray. Ah, not these tattered fellows, Some cut, some brutsed, some lame, Are heroes who've been playing A Rugby football game.

Where have these victims been?

They don't regard the bruises They never shrink at mire;
For laurels they are striving,
To slory they aspire.
They're now the season's heroes, These chaps of grit and brawn, So call the ambulances And let the game go on.

-Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Actions and Words. Here's a sentiment worthy to keep in your

As you travel through life, for it's true, you will find; That you're not so much valued by what you may say,

As by what you may do in a practical way. For unless you perform what you say you Grave doubts will arise that you're honest and true; Remember, that actions speak louder than

Nor would I discourage the message that cheers, Or the prayer or the blessing of sympathy's tears; They are always in order; they help in their

way
To hasten the dawn of millennial day. But a little more gold sandwiched in with

your prayers Would banish more tears, and lighten more cares; Though your voice be as sweet as the song

Remember, that actions speak louder than

-Charles W. Scarff, in Rural New Yorker.

#### Plain Samanthy Ann.

Twice lucky is the poet who May call his sweetheart Rose lis sonnets speak her eyes of blue, His ballads sing her pose; A rhyme with Gladyk one might pen, Quite good enough to scan, But what if your girl's cognomen Was plain Samantha Ann?

Now, if 'twere Grace or Isabel, May, without a doubt The muse would weave a mystic spell And some way help him out; But Pegasus will veer in fright, Dismounting any man Who dares an amorous verse indite

To Plain Samantha Ann. There's Poe's Lenore and Burns' Jean For song were graceful themes They well might speak of modest mien" And weave their fancied dreams. But my sweetheart! Ah, such a shame To thus inflict a ban On rhyming lover with a name

Like plain Samanthy Ann. -Roy Farrell Greene, in Detroit Free Press.

# The Voter.

Just before election day the voter's head is high; Just before election day he's lauded to the As smokes the best eights there are, he's treated as a knight,

He's told to go and help himself to anything in sight: Ie gets the best attention when he has a word to say,

And all his jokes are funny, just before eleclust before election day the voter stands

supreme. testde his power kingly sway is but an empty dream; in him the nation's hopes depend, he holds

his country's fate Vithin the hollow of his hand—he steers the ship of statelut when the votes are counted-zitt! his

fe's like a turkey that was proud before Thanksgiving day! S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Times-Herald.

Whistle Away. 'Vhistle away, my merry boy, fith happy face and heart of joy; it will help you to be strong Phistle a tune when things go wrong. and whistling lightens it for you, fe'er your task is hard to do. Thether it be sowing the seeds, seing the corn, or pulling weeds, athering fruit, or raking hay, or driving cows, whistle away.

Thistle a tune, if you can't sing, and that should seem the next best thing hat you can do, perhaps 'twill cheer he hearts of some who chance to hear. etter to whistle than to pout, a keep a merry heart, my lad, and thus make other people glad. o all the good you can each day, ind as you toil, whistle away. -- Foronto Truth.

He Whistled on the Way. No deeds of fame enshrined his name-No laurel wreath or bay; nd yet he made earth happier; He whistled on the way.

when sorrow frowned and stars were in stormy skies and gray,
a saw the light stream through the
night:

He whistled on the way!

ad even grief found sweet relief-Hope shed a brighter ray, ad hearts he knew not blessed him For whistling on the way!

md when from life's dark shadows He passed into the day
hey wrote above, this line of love:
"He whistled on the way!"
-F. L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution.

An Open Leter to Mrs. Grundy. ood Mrs. Grundy, potent dame! we hum-

bly bow before you; trembling we adore you.

a strive to gain your great, good will, your favor we have curried;

a shall we fawn before you till we're fully don't and buried.

dead and buried.

te old and young, the high and low, are all within your keeping. hate'er you say is law, we know; your edier full and sweeping. And so with earnest hearts we pray on week days and on Sunday Thate'er of others you may say, O, spare us, Mrs. Grundy!

Sixon Waterman, in Elliott's Marazina

[Humorous directions furnished with an advertisement of a school supply house.] To Drop Eggs .- Let go your held on

A FEW VALUABLE RECIPES.

An Inexpensive Dish .- A three-cent tin plate. Clear Soup .- Take two pints of wa-

ter; wash them thoroughly on both sides; pour into a dish or something. and sur around on the kitchen floor until done. Pound Cake .-- Mix up a pound of flour

and other ingredients; place in a "cut giass" dish and pound; bake in a refrigerator for half an hour. This will be found an excellent recipe.

Stomach Cake or Stomach Ache-Line a small boy's stomach with green apples, cucumbers, ice water and peaches of "emerald hue." This is an economical recipe and can be done at short notice.

Ice Cream .- Dry a piece of ice in the sun; wipe thoroughly with a damp cloth; stir in some cold cream or camphorated vaseline; flavor with ammonia or kerosene oil; fan until it freezes and garnish with spinach. This should be served cold with hot soup.

Plum Pie.-Make a tough dough; hammer out a front and back breadth; line a dish with India rubber overshoes: put around a veneering of dough; full the dish with cough drops; put on the top crust; feather stitch around the edges and bake in a tinker's furnace.

Calves' Foot Jelly .- Get trusted for a Chicago calf (they have the largest feet); cut off the calf which can be used for hash or chicken salad; wash the feet; thicken with fish glue and a few drops of molasses; strain through a cane-seated chair (rocker preferred); pour slowly into a blue bowl with red pictures on the outside of it; set under a Christmas tree until it becomes of the proper consistency.

### ASIA AND AFRICA.

The population of Jerusalem is 45, 000. Of these 28,000 are Hebrews.

For the crown prince of Japan a beautiful palace is being built, with the frame work of iron calculated to withstand carthquakes.

Twenty years ago Egypt had hardly a single good road. During the last six years over 1,000 miles of good roads have been built.

Russia's Asiatic possessions are three times the size of Great Britain's; but hold only 23,000,000 inhabitants, as compared with England's 297,000,000 subjects.

The authorities in Algeria gave \$40, 000 toward fighting the grasshoppers. In one section 3,200 camels were employed to carry the material for burning over the places where eggs had been deposited.

France's Anti-Tobacco society is going to make Negus Menelik a member. The society has learned that smoking is almost unknown in Abyssinia and is punished as a crime when practiced French explorers have to smoke their cigarettes in secret.

A good giraffe skin is worth from ten to twenty dollars in South Africa to-day, and much more in Europe. On their hunting trips ten or fifteen years ago it was a common matter for one hunter to kill 40 or 50 of these graceful animals in one day.

It is interesting to note that the early Egyptian custom of paying gold in the form of rings has not entirely died out in Africa at the present day, and that English merchants trading with the Kongo are quite accustomed to receiving gold in the form of rings, frequently ornamented with the sign of the zodiac in relief.

# A LITTLE OF ALL SORTS.

Raffaelli, the Parisian artist, expresses the belief that New York has an art atmosphere.

The republic of Venezuela contains 506,159 square miles. It is larger than any country in Europe except Russia.

The skeleton of a giant over seven feet in length was discovered by excavatore at King Hill, Me. The site many years ago was used by Kickapoos as a burying ground.

The camel, inured to hardships and privations, does double the work of a pair of horses, is tractable and can be kept in good condition on a comparatively small amount of inferior fodder.

According to a London journal, the number of stamps now current in the world is 13,811. England has 131, her colonies 3,843. The United States has 268 different kinds, the republic of Salvador 272.

The gold output for the Cripple Creek district for September amounted to \$1,731,000, surpassing all records. The production of gold in this district from the time of its discovery in 1891 to date is \$62,057,292.

Another blue grotto, like that on the island of Capri, has been discovered on the shore of the promontory of Skinari on the Ionian island Zante. The entrance is from the sea and is larger than in the Capri grotto, but the interior is smaller. Fishing boats can make their way in when the water is calm.

# TOWN TOPICS.

Baltimore claims the largest negro population of any city in the world.

An experiment is being tried in Detroit of allowing the firemen one "day

off" in five. A searchlight has been added to the equipment of the New York fire department to help the men in dark hall-

ways and corners. Lexington, Mass., is making preparations for an elaborate celebration it | charged because the government allotintends to have April 19, 1900, of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniver-

less than had been expected. sary of the battle there. New York wants a museum of "Living History and Court of All Nations." to cost several millions, exhibiting contemporaneous art and manufacture from every country in the world. already nearly one-half the amount.

### INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

It is said to be Senator Depew's wish Perfumes and essences made from that all women members of his family lemon, orange and bergamot long ago made Sicily famous in the annals of the perfumers.

During the decade ended 1898 our shipyards produced only 213,000 gross The United States manufactures extons of ocean stenmships, while in the tensively perfumes from wintergreen, sassafras and several other woods and same period German yards turned out 850,000 gross tons and British yards herbs.

Perfumes are made from a great voriety of seeds, and by combining some of these new perfumes are made, which resemble none of those previously known.

On the basis of results of previous exhibitions at Paris, it is assumed that 52,588,280 people will pass through the turnstiles, and it is possible that the total number may reach 60,000,000.

There will be a model American post office at the Paris exposition. rangements have been made with the French postal authorities whereby mails for Americans in Paris will be sent directly to this office instead of going through the regular channels. The post office will be fitted up with all of the modern postal appliances.

Work has begun on the renovation of the facade of the Cathedral of Milan. An attempt will be made to remove some of the inconsistencies of style due to the fact that four centuries were taken in the completion of the cathedral. The plan adopted is that of Guiseppe Brentano, who won the prize over 120 competitors.

Nine columns of the hypostyle hall of the temple of El-Karnak, at Thebes, have fallen. The temple of El-Karnak is one of the most magnificent temples of ancient architecture in the world. The hall measures 170 by 329 feet. The stone roof was originally supported by 134 columns, the tallest of which was nearly 70 feet high and 12 feet in diameter. It was built by Setee L of the nineteenth Egyptian dynasty.

### AFTER-DINNER TOPICS.

[For after-dinner topics of conversation the following questions have been voted a prize. They are considered "sensibly humorous" and have just claim to that title, though some of them are serious enough, ometimes.1 What advantage has the new woman

over the old? Are heroes or heroines the more to be

admired? Is it an easy matter to "spot" an old

bachelor in a crowd? Does reading love stories make ladies more inclined to flirt?

How would you cure a man who stops too much at his club? When is an apology a crime, and

when is it merely a blunder? Is it better to marry for love or for riches, or for a compound of both?

When a man has offended a woman should be admit being to blame or not? What means should be adopted to bring a bashful man to the "sticking point?"

Why do old bachelors and old maids give their preference to lodgings where there are no children? If a husband be a few days absent from home should be bring his wife a

present on his return? If a cross wife commences to scold her husband is it a good policy for him to commence whistling?

Should the husband occasionally remain at home to look after the children. id leave his wife free to go to the the

Supposing you had a few friends whom you knew to be downcast, how would you entertain them for an hour so as to make them give a good hearty laugh?

# ENGLISH AFFAIRS.

London holds 63 per cent, of its pofalse print is perhaps the commonest of licemen for night duty. There are, it is estimated, about 5,000

doctors in London. Manchester, England, has opened lodging-houses under the control of the city to accommodate 360 men.

A good English authority estimates that \$1,000,000,000 foreign capital is now operating in Russia in manufacturing, industrial, steamship and other enterprises.

The leasing of Covent garden in London by the opera syndicate until 1948 includes everything except one box and two stalls. These the duke of Bedford, owner of the property, reserved for his own use at any performance in the next 49 years without the payment of an entrance fee.

Although Chatham is so near to London little has been heard of the great magazines for explosives which the admiralty are having erected at a cost of about \$730,000. The magazines will be some distance from the royal dockyard; and the further the better, for, however careful the precautions against accidents, the danger is always there. These new magazines will greatly facilitate the dealing with large quantities of ammunition and the consumption of ammunition for practice purposes only is increasing at an amazing rate.

# BETWEEN TRAINS.

A little snake is as apt to bite as a big

Officers on United States warships in Love is blind, but vain regret has good eyesight. ftors are so numerous as to interfere

The man can never do what the boy might have done. All philosophy is a failure when the

philosopher has the toothache. The goose that lays the golden egg generally belongs to a fool who kills it.

The more poetry a man has in him the more it tries him to set up stove pipe. If every horse with a fault were knocked in the head, nobody would ride.

No man fails for lack of talent. The thing that floors him is lack of purpose. Women jump at conclusions, but the philosopher gets there on his hands and knees.

The appropriation made by congress this year for naval construction is con-When a man is starving it is a waste sidered too meager by many naval experts, as the demand for refitting ships of breath to talk to him about the for the Philippine service has used up chemistry of bread .- "Ram's Horn Brown," in Indianapolis News.

Tempered with Mercy.

"Yes, I was drunk, your honor," the prisoner said, "but I've been pretty well punished already. I had \$60 when I went out on the street, and a lot of gamblers got hold of me and swindled me out of \$58."

"Under those circumstances," remarked his honor, with a sympathetic cough, "the court is disposed to be lenient with you. The fine will be two dollars."-Chicago Tribune.

A Serlous Case. Late one evening a doctor received

a note from a couple of fellow-practitioners, saving: "Pray step across to the club. We are one short of a game of poker." "Emily, dear," he then said to his

wife, "I am called away again. It appears to be a very serious case, for there are two doctors already in attendance."-Tit-Bits.

The Unpardonable Part. It is porting "found out" that is really th Of our wrongs, for it can't be dealed

That the rat in the trap may be not a bi Than the one that is on the outside. -Elliott's Magazine.

### HARD ON THE FAIR SEX.



Dot (aged six)-Mamma, if I get married will I have to have a husband like

Mamma-Yes. Dot-And If I don't get married will I have to be an old maid like Aunt Mar-

Mamma-Yes. Dot (after a pause)-Mamma, it's a tough world for us women, isn't It?-Sketch.

A Short Story.

Fido was small, but dreadfully brave, As every one knows, for one day He barked at a great big railroad train, And the railroad train ran away! -Cincinnati Commercial Tribune

A Cloud's Golden Lining.

Henpeck-There is a man that has my pity and envy simultaneously-you see his wife is one of the most noted of naggers.

Friend-Now, where does your envy come in? Henpek-Well, you see he is as deaf as a post and cannot hear a word she

says .- Judge. Living Up to His Principle, "I tell you, sir, the tarring and feathering of that miserable scoundrel was

an unpardonable outrage!" "Why do you speak so warmly?" "Because I'm vice president of the society that opposes the use of feathers in personal adornment!"-Cleveland Plain

### No Hope for Him.

Dealer.

"Then you cannot be the sunshine of my life?" asked the young man, with the insistence of one under a fixed idea.

"No," replied the lady detective, softly, "you know I am a professional shadow."-Indianapolis Journal.

# When to Fly High.

First English Sparrow-The legislatures are offering rewards for our heads. Aren't you scared?

Second English Sparrow-No. shan't worry until they call us game and pass laws to protect us.-N. Y. Weekly.

Really Remarkable Woman. "What is there so remarkable about

"Why, she's a woman who never kept house in her life, and yet she doesn't think she could settle the servant-girl problem."--Chicago Post.

Hot Campaign. He-I went through the fight with

that man. She-In the Spanish war, I suppose

you mean? "Oh, no; in a church choir."-Yonkers Statesman.

#### Not to His Taste. Wiggs-Skinner has just returned a

book he borrowed. Jiggs-Didn't he like it? Wiggs-Yes. Why do you ask? Jiggs-You say he returned 1t-

#### Town Topics. Had Support.

Judge-The charge against you is vagrancy. The officer says you have no visible means of support.

"I's got a means ob suppo't, jedge: but she done took sick an' cain't do no washin'."—Judge,

Caller-Is the editor in? Office Boy-Yes, but he can't see no one to-day. He left his gun at home.-N. Y. Journal. Of Course They Will.

In Oklahoma.

#### Grandma-Ah, my dear, the men are not what they were 50 years ago.

Ethel-Well, granny, you know, 50 years will change any man.-Tit-Rits.

The Fluent Trades. "Who is that man over there who

talks so much ?" "He's either a college professor or a barber."-Chicago Record.

A Difference of Opinion. Jack-Ah, Mabel, you are the apple of my eye. Mabel-That's funny. George says

I'm a peach.-N. Y. Journal.

### RAILROAD RUMBLE.

Some of the underground railroads in London cost as high as \$3,265,000 a

mile Officers of the street railroad company in Denver estimate the daily average less of the company, through the competition of the bicycles, at

The railroads use 1,326,174 cars, of which 33,595 are assigned to the passenger service and 1,248,826 , to the freight service. Of the total 43,753 are used by the companies owning them.

The Wagner-Pullman Palace car combination is an important event in the railroad world. The Pullman company was organized in 1867 to operate service of sleeping and parlor cars. The company owns and controls about 500 cars, which are operated over 121,-662 miles of railway in the United States, Canada, Mexico and in some

places in Europe. A 25-mile railway for the Philippines was recently packed in the hold of a steamship at San Francisco. Everything needed for the railroad was sent except the ties which will be obtained in the islands. It is said that the railway will be used to extend the 30 miles of railroad now controlled by the American troops. The engineering corps will build the bridges, etc.

The work of cutting down the grades on the Chicago division of the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road has been hegun and most of the heavy work will be completed by spring. The gezeral plan contemplates an 18 foot maximum grade from Chicago to Baltimore, except over the mountains where helping engines have to be used. The reductions will cost about 230%-000, but will allow an increase of nearly 30 per cent, in train loading when they are completed.

### CONTINENTAL CONCERNS.

The crown prince of Germany becomes of age next May and will have as his separate establishment the old eastle at Potsdam. There is much French and Belglan

capital invested in the principal railway lines of Spain, while England owns many of the shorter lines, and is also at the head of the mining interests. Germany will soon have new postage

stamps of one, two, four and five marks. The styles are to be closely modeled after the size and style of the United States Columbian stamps of 1893. The engravings show national events. Hungarian peasants like to have a good time when somebody dies. A

wealthy farmer at Szabadka recently left 1,500 acres of land and a large sum to his nephews. In his pockets were found 9,000 florins in cash. This sum, it was decided, he had set aside for a sumptuous funeral; so the bells were kept ringing two days, and everybode was royally entertained.

A "curatorium" for eye troubles exists in St. Petersburg, which sends commissions through the country districts for the purpose of giving free treatment and advice to those among the peasantry who are suffering from affections of the eyes. The report for the year 1898 states that 33 of those ophthalmological expeditions were sent out during the year to certain parts of the empire.

# PLAYS FROM NOVELS.

Plays are now being given founded on "The Choir Invisible," "The First Violin," "Vanity Fair" and "The Tule of Two Cities."

John Dryden once tried to make & play from Milton's "Paradise Lost." and the awful result is one of the things best forgotten. Also it is rumored that the stage

will soon see plays made from "Richard Carvel," "When Knighthood Was in Flower" and "David Harum." It was prophesied that "Trilby" staged would be a failure, whereas it

broughtin so much money that a rush

began to stage other novels, a rush which still keeps up. Successful plays have been made from Stanley Weyman's novels, Anthony Hope's, Hardy's "Tess," Barrie's "Little Minister," Twain's "Pudd'n Head Wilson" and others,

It is said a big sum of money has been paid for the stage rights to "Mr. Dooley," though how a play can be made from these detached bits is hard to see.

The fact that in modern days the plays made from "Robert Elsmere" and "The Quick or the Dead" were failures has not kept ambitious dramatists from trying to put others on the stage.

# FLORAL HINTS.

Crinums.-These bulbs should be set about half their depth in soil.

Hardy Roses .- The hardiest June-flowering rose I have any knowledge of is the Persian Yellow. Any florist can furnish it. Better defer planting until spring.

Cinerarias.-Plants for winter flowewing should be grown from seed. These are much preferable to old plants, as they are stronger in every way. Seedling plants may be obtained at all the leading florists.

Sword Ferns may be propagated by division of the roots, or by runners, which will root when they come in contact with the soil. The new Sword Fern, Bostoniensis, is much like the old variety, except that it has longer fronds. It requires the same treatment.

Wintering Geraniums. - Old plants can be wintered in the cellar. Some hang them up "by the heels" along the ceiling. Others crowd several into a box and give no water after they are placed in the cellar. Generally the tops die off, but the roots will have enough situlity to produce sprouts in the spring .- - Indies' Home Journal.